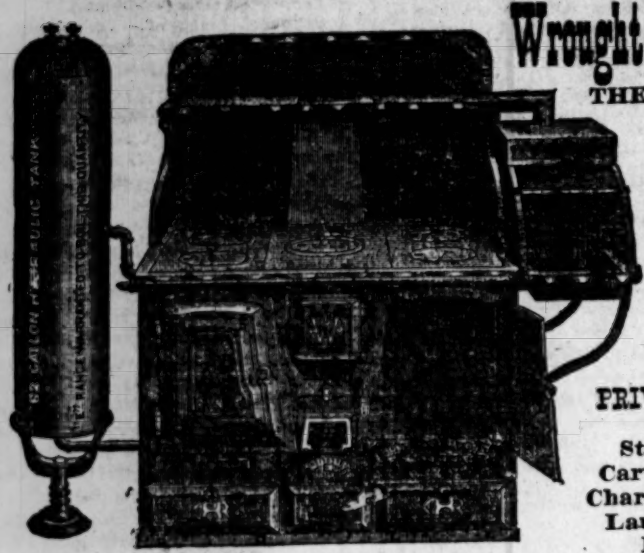


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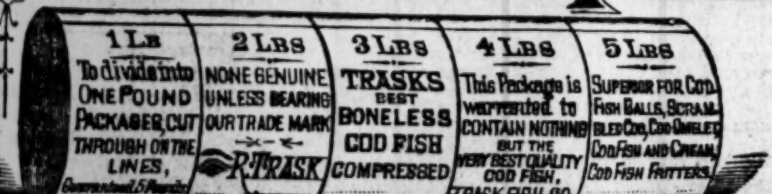
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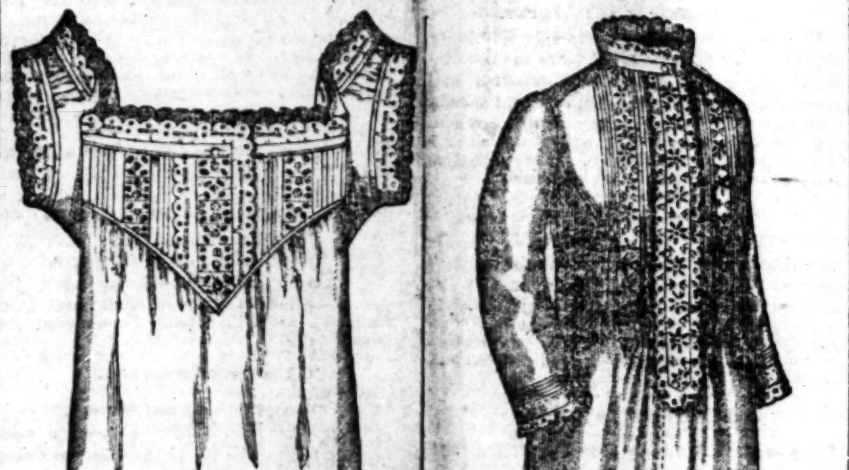
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The following cuts are merely Samples of the taste, Elegance and Finish of the Garments embraced in this sale:



44c CHEMISE. Bosom composed of 4 clusters of Tucks and 3 rows of fine Inserting. Band sleeves and center piece finished with Hamburg Edging.



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68c CHEMISES. Pointed Yoke of 3 rows of Inserting and 4 clusters of Tucks. Trimmings around band and sleeves with Hamburg Embroidery, made of the best quality of muslin.

75c Square Bosom of 5 rows of Inserting with deep center piece and 4 clusters of Tucks in bosom. Trimmings with Hamburg Embroidery.

90c Made of extra heavy Muslin, with 4 cords in hand, trimmed around band and down front with best Hamburg Embroidery, and finished with pearl buttons and gussets.

95c Made of fine quality Cambric, with corded bands and sleeves, and trimmed with best Hamburg Embroidered ruffle.

\$1.00 Solid Tucked Bosom, with Inserting down center, and Hamburg Embroidered collar and center piece made of best material.

\$1.55 Square Yoke of 3 rows of Inserting running cross-wise. Inserting in sleeves and back, and trimmed with Embroidered ruffle around band, sleeves and front. Made of superior quality of material.

SKIRTS. Made of good quality muslin with deep hem and 3 Tucks above, and full size.

48c Made with deep Embroidered Cambric Ruffle, 2 Tucks in Ruffle and 3 above; of best quality muslin.

90c Made with deep Hamburg Embroidered Ruffle, Inserting above to match and 2 clusters of narrow Tucks, with 1 wide Tuck between. Made of superior quality of material.

\$1.90 Square Yoke of 3 rows of Inserting running cross-wise. Inserting in sleeves and back, and trimmed with Embroidered ruffle around band, sleeves and front. Made of superior quality of material.

60c AGNES. Well-made Domestic Corset, good shape and full boned. With side steels, double back and boned bands.

75c BODICE. This Corset is made of heavy Cuttle, has long bones, double back and side steels.

90c AMELIA. An extra long French Women Corset, well boned, side steels, in white or drab, and perfect shape.

TRAVELING COURTS.

A Connecticut Procedure that Wouldn't Work Out West.

How a Prohibitionist "Crack" is Allowed to Trample on the Private Rights of Citizens—Prosecuting His Work at All Hours of the Day.

By Telegram to the Post-Dispatch.
NORWICH, January 3.—The prosecution of illegal liquor selling continues to furnish the courts of Eastern Connecticut with the majority of their business. Norwich is the home of Rev. Hugh Montgomery, who next to Neal Dow is the most widely known and relentless opponent of the liquor business in New England. He is a Methodist clergyman who left the pulpit several years ago to give his undivided attention to the cause of prohibition. It was mainly owing to his efforts that the stringent license law of this State was enacted. He is a prosecuting agent whose jurisdiction is over the entire county of New London. His manner of enforcing the license is peculiar. He rides to any point where he suspects there has been a violation of the law. He generally takes a Norwich Justice of the Peace with him, and having arrested an alleged violator at once opens court in the nearest public hall, and the man is tried, convicted and fined within an hour. Often the court is held in the proprietor's own parlor or kitchen. Justice A. F. Park of this city usually

TRAVELS WITH MR. MONTGOMERY, and the two have received the names of the "Traveling Justice" and the "Court on Wheels." Mr. Montgomery gets a fee for each offense he proves, and when the license against a man is divided into two or three counts, as is often the case, he receives a fee and the culprit a fine for each count. The fine ranges from \$1 and costs to \$40 and costs. Mr. Montgomery has very little business in the license cities, his field is in the prohibitory wall villages, among the farmers in out-of-the-way districts, who keep a jug or a bottle in the cupboard. Banned by the liquor statute the prosecuting agent has no hesitation in invading a private dwelling at any time of day or night on a mere report that the inmates are in the habit of selling liquor. In many cases as the officers rush in the front entrance the wife or daughter of the proprietor is scolded the whisky out of the jug on the cellar floor. According to the old statute, recently amended through the efforts of Montgomery, a liquor officer had no right to make a search between sun-set and sunrise. Now the statute permits searches to be made at any time of the night, and almost every week a private

DWELLING IS BROKEN INTO. The best informed lawyers say the statute is clearly unconstitutional, conflicting with the higher law that prohibits night searches of a dwelling house even in cases of felony. The only general raid in this city against unlicensed dealers in many months was that of a few nights ago, when three or four suspected saloons and as many private houses were invaded by three officers. At the Metropolitan hotel nearly every room in the house was searched, and the officer was absent to force open the apartment of a lodger when he was told by the proprietor that it would be done only at the peril of the searcher's life. No liquor was found. At a private house in Preston, just across the Shetucket River, twenty bottles of Milwaukee lager beer was seized, the German owner making no objection. At the home of John H. Cunningham, one of the largest grocers in town, three officers, including Bailey, Mr. Montgomery's secretary, ransacked every room. Mrs. Cunningham has been an invalid for five years and under treatment by New York physicians.

SHE WAS IN BED in her chamber and two young ladies, neighbors were attending the evening with her. As the men entered her room, she became frightened, sprang from her bed and attempted to escape, but the officers thrust her back. They would not permit her visitors to leave. A half pint of whisky was captured in Mr. Cunningham's apartment. Next day one of her physicians, Dr. Kinney, president of the county medical association, informed Mr. Montgomery that he should bring a suit against him in the name of his patient, as she had been seriously injured by the search. Nevertheless a complaint was pressed against Mr. Cunningham in the City Court, but it was thrown out on the testimony of Dr. Kinney that he had prescribed the whisky found in Mr. Cunningham's house for his patient. Wm. H. Shields, counsel for Mrs. Cunningham, has brought suit for \$2,000 against Montgomery. Twice he has succeeded in putting this city under the ban of absolute prohibition, but the result in each case was a miscarriage of the restrictive policy. Never in the history of the town was more ruin sold than during the five years when an attempt to enforce absolute prohibition was made. Every saloon sold whisky disguised as "Basset's Cherry" or "cherry brandy" on every side and illicit traders carried bottles in all their pockets. The effect was similar in New London and Stonington. After one year's trial the people repudiated prohibition here by

ONE OF THE LARGEST MAJORITIES ever cast at an election, and every year since, notwithstanding the constant agitation on the part of Mr. Montgomery and his supporters, the majority has been almost unchanged. Mr. Montgomery's principal backers are Eastern Connecticut weathly mill owners, who, though not prohibitionists personally, are injured in their pockets by drinking habits on the part of their employees. The Good Templars who act as spies in ferreting out illicit liquor selling, some of the clergy and a few directors of railroads. In many of the mills and in the railroad shops notices are posted warning the employees that unless they are strictly abstinent they will be discharged. The mill owners are the most active. They annually furnish Mr. Montgomery a salary of \$2,500 to enable him to prosecute his work.

SCHOOL AT BING SING.

Teaching the Convicts to Read and Write.

By Telegram to the Post-Dispatch.
SING SING, N. Y., January 3.—A night school was opened at the prison this evening for the instruction of those convicts who neither read nor write. It is not compulsory, but those who desire can enter the class by notifying the chaplain. At 6 o'clock, after the men had left their work and washed up, they were marched to the chapel. Altogether there are seventy-six men who have been enrolled. These are divided into two classes, who will be taught alternate evenings. The class this evening numbered thirty-two. There were six under 20 years of age and five over 30 and one of 40 and four colored men. Principal Kemper James and Lee

in charge of them. Chaplain Edgerton briefly addressed them, expressing to them that they would be

Corset Covers. Low Neck, made of fine Cambric, with solid yoke of Torchen Lace extending around back and sleeves.

88c EXPECTED TO STUDY HARD and improve their time. The lessons then

began, the instructors being two of the convicts who had held like notions of a side the prison walls. Each pupil was given a slate and pencil and paper. Object lesson will be the method pursued. The evening was taken up with writing "A Cat," "A Small Cat" and "My Ship Cat." A live kitten was the object used, and another symbol, perched on a black-board and the men wrote them on their slates and then read them as called upon. The men seemed to take great interest in the lesson, and did not seem to be inclined to being taught by fellow convicts, but paid them due respect, probably as much as they would have done to outsiders.

TRANSLATING "SARAH BARNUM"

Miss Colambier's Book Printed in English and on Sale To-Day.

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NEW YORK, January 3.—Fifty-nine scholarly-looking men sat in a brightly-lighted room with their legs under three long pine tables at No. 606 Broadway, last evening. They were in a state of brilliant excitement. Each man had a pen in his right hand and a page of the French edition of "Sarah Barnum" before him. At the left head of each man sat a translator, for each of the scholarly-looking men, was a bottle of beer. Whenever a translator

FOUND HIMSELF BARRICADED by a tough French idiom his left hand sought the beer bottle. As the book contains many tough idioms much beer was consumed. Within convenient reach of all were picturesque piles of sandwiches and packages of cigarettes. Fragments of cigars, half eaten sandwiches and an uncountable number of empty beer bottles scattered confederately over empty chairs and tables were all that could be seen in the room. At 11 o'clock p. m. the book had been

RENDERED INTO ENGLISH, edited and sent to the printers. Mrs. Fred C. Valentine and Leach W. Hunt supervised the work. Dr. Hunt said that the translators had been at work since one o'clock in the afternoon. Of the 600 copies of the French edition that arrived here on Tuesday, not one was unused yesterday. The English edition of the book will be ready for sale this afternoon. It will contain 350 pages.

Illinois Items.

URBANA, January 3.—Miss Augusta Bury was married last night to Mr. W. P. Morgan of Minneapolis.

MARTOON, January 3.—Miss Mand Mo-Ahran was married last night to Frank W. Harnish.

SHELBYVILLE, January 3.—H. E. Duenney made an assignment yesterday morning to J. P. Davis. Liabilities unknown.

JANESVILLE, January 3.—The winter term of the Southern Illinois Normal University began yesterday.

SPRINGFIELD, January 3.—The December reports from the Warden of the Joliet and Chester penitentiaries have the following showing: At Joliet 49 convicts were received, 57 discharged, 1 was pardoned and 2 died, leaving in the institution 1,346. At Chester 48 were received, 50 discharged and 1 pardoned, leaving on hand 65.

SPRINGFIELD, January 3.—The State Board of Agriculture met last night and passed a resolution recommending to the township the endorsement of the act of the last General Assembly entitled "Hard Roads."

Missouri Matters.

BOONVILLE, January 3.—Miss Mary Bence was married to Mr. James R. Quarles yesterday.

HANSTAD, January 3.—Joseph Mueller, a shoemaker, attempted to commit suicide yesterday morning at 3 o'clock. He shot himself with a revolver in the left breast, immediately below the nipple. The ball lodged in the bowels. He will probably die. A conference was held here last night between Col. W. H. Hatch, M. C., and Robert Law, superintendent of the St. Louis, Keokuk and Northwestern Railroad, for the purpose of placing a special fast mail train on the St. L. & N. W. It is believed that the Government will make the necessary appropriations. Col. Hatch left for Washington last night.

ST. JOSEPH, January 3.—At 9 o'clock yesterday morning the house of Prof. O. O. Hill of Oregon was destroyed by fire. The loss was about \$5,000, partly insured.

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

Ten patents were issued to St. Louis inventors by the Patent Office in Washington on Wednesday.

A number of buildings and contents at Jacksonville, Or., were destroyed by fire on Wednesday. Loss \$70,000.

W. J. Florence, W. J. Ferguson and Charles Wyndham were damaged by Indianapolis fire on Wednesday night.

On Wednesday Charles F. Abbey of Colorado fell through an elevator shaft in the Burlington Hotel, New York, and was probably fatally injured.

The result of the cessation of Indian troubles in Arizona is that over \$1,000,000 has been invested in paying money to the Territory within the past three months.

On Wednesday, A. J. Defoez, manager of the French Opera, troupe in New Orleans, transferred his property to his creditors. Assets, \$100,000; liabilities, \$700,000.

The elevator of Smith Bros' brewery in New York City fell on Wednesday, seriously injuring five persons, including the proprietors, Donald and McPherson Smith.

In Waver, Idaho, on Wednesday, a barber named Henry Dietzler, who murdered a saloon keeper named Buck Meizer, was captured by a local vigilance committee and lynched.

Pierces Marx of New York City, who was struck in the eye by a cinder falling from an engine and lost his eye, has sued the Manhattan Railroad Company for \$50,000 damages.

Newton Lovett, a street car driver, was arrested in Chattanooga, Tenn., on Wednesday for the murder of a convict, near Graysville, Ga., in August, 1882, while he was a convict guard.

A. O. Turner and L. Reeves, traveling doctors from Indianapolis, were arrested in Memphis, Tenn., on Wednesday, charged with obtaining money under false pretenses at Clarksville, Ind.

In Chicago on Wednesday evening three men, Colfax, Hall and Armstrong were arrested on the charge of being an organized band of grave robbers, who operate in the cemeteries of neighboring towns.

Portugal has taken great offense at the portion of President Arthur's message wherein it is stated it might become necessary for the United States to cooperate with other powers for a safeguard of their rights of trade on the Congo River.

Williams, a desperate prisoner in the jail at Ottumwa, Iowa, shot and killed Turkey Maninger on Wednesday in the jail cell, where a fight which he had obtained from an outsider. He then intimidated two women and escaped.

The colored citizens of Havana, Ark., held a mass-meeting on Wednesday night for the purpose of securing means to procure a new trial for the thirty-five negroes now under sentence in Howard County for acts of violence done during the riot in that county a few months ago.

A passenger train on Illinois Central struck a broken rail between Macon and Barren, Iowa, on Wednesday. A sleeper and two passenger coaches were thrown down an embankment, and Mrs. J. H. Smith of Ohio, Barren County, Ill., was instantly killed. Several others were injured.

W. Irving Landell arrived in Lexington, Ky., with his 15-year old brother a few days ago and only \$1 in money. He says that he is a boarding-house keeper for his brother, refusing to eat himself. He found employment as a bricklayer, and after thirty-six hours exposure to sleep and snow, returned and died.

FOREIGN NEWS.

Arrest of the Murderers of Sudeken and His Son.
Important Nihilist Papers—The French Government Contemplating the Sale of Her Railways—Cable Franchise.

HALIFAX, January 3.—A number of prominent citizens met a committee of the City Council to-day to consider a letter from the Mayor of Quebec urging action to induce the Canada Pacific Railway to make Halifax their winter and Quebec their summer port. It was decided to ask the Government to extend the Intercolonial Railway to Montreal and demand the Canada Pacific Railway, receiving so much public subsidy, etc., to have their terminus in the Dominion. A committee was appointed to prepare a resolution embodying the views of the meeting.

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PARIS, January 3.—Currier, the young Alsatian who forced his way into the reception hall of the Senate with the avowed intention of shooting Prime Minister Ferry, has been sentenced to three months' imprisonment. When arrested Currier stated that the murder of the French Ministers was aimed upon at a meeting of the secret society at Lille. He threatened when released that he would be more successful in another attempt to kill Ferry.

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DUBLIN, January 3.—Charles Russell, member of Parliament for Dundalk, in a lecture upon his recent experiences in America asserted that notwithstanding the deficiencies in education and money of the Irish immigrant in America, their fight in life had become creditable to them and the nation. In the future emigration should be effected under the conditions of securing as far as possible a reasonable degree of success in material and otherwise.

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St. Petersburg, January 3.—Beside Jablonski, who took part in the murder of Lieut.-Col. Sudeken and nephew, two men, supposed to be the actual murderers, have been arrested. Important papers relating to the nihilists have been found at the late residence of Sudeken.

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Explosion of a Vat on Clark Avenue.
With Serious Results.
At 11:30 to-morrow, with a loud explosion, a tank filled with chlorate of lime and alcohol, exploded at Larkia & Schaffer's Chemical Works at No. 218 Clark avenue, with serious results. The tubes leading from the vat were frozen, and the chlorate, which is generated in the vat, could not escape. When the head of gas became strong enough to burst the head of the vat, a portion of the wall was blown out, and the time and laborers were showered over the entire neighborhood. David Deyan, a laborer, had his

left eye blinded by being filled with the boiling lime, and he was otherwise burned about the head and face in a shocking manner. The buildings opposite belong to Larkia & Schaffer, and they are very thoroughly whitewashed. A lady, the wife of one of the workmen living in the building over No. 213, was so shocked by the explosion, being in a delicate condition, that she was thrown into hysterics, and is this afternoon in a dangerous condition. The loss on the building will be between \$1,000 and \$2,000.

ABOUT TOWN.
Judgment for \$200.32 was awarded against the defendant in the case of Anna Haslake vs. John Kreiner.

JUROR TREAT OF THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT. This morning allowed the full accounts of the marshal and district attorney.

IN THE CASE OF J. VAN LUGEN AND DAVID LASHBY. Partners, vs. Edward W. Greene, judgment by consent for \$3,677.24 was awarded in favor of plaintiffs.

VERY LITTLE PROGRESS was made with the Peck-Choate case this morning. It is possible that the examination of witnesses will be concluded this afternoon.

A RAILROAD WOMAN, 61 years old, is lying ill at 1423 South Seventh street. She seems to have better friends than relatives, and her friends are reported to be the police authorities this morning by friends living in the neighborhood.

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THE MARKETS.
The confidence that the bears felt yesterday had somewhat abated when they came on the floor this morning. They were not so keen to sell and there was more desire shown to buy. Corn was certainly much stronger. Latest arrivals from Chicago were the elite in January corn had no lot out of their contracts, but had taken in all the cash stock delivered there, and besides that had their brokers buying cash. This excited a feeling of uneasiness among some of the local shorts, and was followed by higher market prices. These shorts commenced buying and prices stepped up. Receipts in this market were very small, though the trade is entirely attributable to the delay of freight trains from the west. The effect of the delay of freight trains from the west, the effect of the delay of freight trains from the west, the effect of the delay of freight trains from the west.

COMMERCE.
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